

Remarks:

Applicant has carefully studied the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed 01/23/2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 02/23/2006. The amendment appearing above and these explanatory remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Notice.

The section of Amendment A, filed January 6, 2006, entitled "Amendments to the Claims" stands objected to as being in a non-compliant form. A copy of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is enclosed herewith.

A complete listing of all claims is now present. The listing of claims includes the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims). The claims have not been re-numbered.

Very respectfully,

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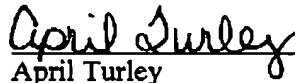
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CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment B, including Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Claims, a copy of a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, and Remarks, is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 3763, Attn: Mr. Theodore J. Stigell, (571) 273-8300 on February 1, 2006.

Dated: February 1, 2006


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